

1 This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims
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4 **Listing of Claims**

5 Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method for establishing a new trading
6 relationship between new trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the
7 method comprising:

8 retrieving configuration details associated with a new potential trading
9 partner from a remote site; and

10 automatically configuring a new trading relationship with the new potential
11 trading partner using the configuration details.

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13 Claim 2 (Original): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the retrieving
14 comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the
15 configuration details.

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17 Claim 3 (Currently amended): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the
18 automatically configuring comprises:

19 creating a new trading partner record; and

20 automatically populating the new trading partner record with the
21 configuration details.

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23 Claim 4 (Currently amended): In an electronic commerce trading system
24 involving exchanges of commerce information over a network, a method
25 comprising:

1 collecting configuration details associated with a new trading partner
2 participating in the commerce trading system; and
3 publishing the configuration details to a Web site.

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5 Claim 5 (Original): A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the collecting
6 comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the
7 configuration details.

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9 Claim 6 (Original): A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the publishing
10 comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal resource locator)
11 at the Web site.

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13 Claim 7 (Currently amended): A method as recited in claim 4, wherein the
14 Web site is associated with the new trading partner.

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16 Claim 8 (Currently amended): A method for establishing a new trading
17 relationship between new trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the
18 method comprising:

19 creating a trading partner record for a new potential trading partner;
20 retrieving configuration details associated with the new potential trading
21 partner from a remote site; and
22 populating the trading partner record with the configuration details retrieved
23 from the remote site.

1 Claim 9 (Original): A method as recited in claim 8, wherein the retrieving
2 comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access the
3 configuration details posted to a Web site.

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5 Claim 10 (Currently amended): A method for establishing a trading
6 relationship between first and second new trading partners involved in electronic
7 commerce, the method comprising:

8 collecting configuration details associated with the first new trading partner;
9 publishing the configuration details to a Web site;
10 creating, at the second new trading partner, a new trading partner record for
11 the first new trading partner;

12 retrieving the configuration details associated with the first new trading
13 partner from the Web site; and

14 populating the new trading partner record with the configuration details
15 associated with the first new trading partner.

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17 Claim 11 (Original): A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the
18 collecting comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter
19 the configuration details.

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21 Claim 12 (Original): A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the
22 publishing comprises publishing the configuration details in XML format.

1 Claim 13 (Original): A method as recited in claim 10, wherein the
2 publishing comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal
3 resource locator) at the Web site.

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5 Claim 14 (Original): A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the
6 retrieving comprises addressing the URL to access the configuration details posted
7 to the Web site.

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9 C Claim 15 (Currently amended): A system comprising:
10 a first computer system at a first new trading partner;
11 a second computer system at a second new trading partner;
12 a Web site;
13 the first computer system collecting configuration details associated with
14 the first new trading partner and publish the configuration details to the Web site;
15 and
16 the second computer system retrieving the configuration details from the
17 Web site and automatically configure for a trading relationship with the first new
18 trading partner using the configuration details.

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20 Claim 16 (Original): A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first
21 computer system hosts the Web site.

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23 Claim 17 (Original): A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first
24 computer system presents a graphical user interface to enable a user to enter the
25 configuration details.

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2 Claim 18 (Original): A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first
3 computer system posts the configuration details in XML format.

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5 Claim 19 (Original): A system as recited in claim 15, wherein the first
6 computer system posts the configuration details to a URL (universal resource
7 locator) at the Web site.

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9 Claim 20 (Original): A system as recited in claim 19, wherein the second
10 computer system addresses the URL to access the configuration details.

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12 Claim 21 (Currently amended): A system as recited in claim 15, wherein
13 the second computer system creates a new trading partner record and automatically
14 populates the new trading partner record with the configuration details.

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16 Claim 22 (Currently amended): A electronic commerce system,
17 comprising:

18 a first component at a first new trading partner, the first component
19 collecting configuration details associated with the first new trading partner and
20 publishing the configuration details to a Web site; and

21 a second component at a second new trading partner, the second component
22 retrieving the configuration details from the Web site and automatically
23 configuring a trading relationship with the second new trading partner using the
24 configuration details.

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1 Claim 23 (Previously amended): A electronic commerce system as recited
2 in claim 22, wherein the first component presents a graphical user interface to
3 enable a user to enter the configuration details.

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5 Claim 24 (Previously amended): A electronic commerce system as recited
6 in claim 22, wherein the first component posts the configuration details to a URL
7 (universal resource locator) at the Web site.

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9 Claim 25 (Previously amended): A electronic commerce system as recited
10 in claim 24, wherein the second component addresses the URL to access the
11 configuration details.

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13 Claim 26 (Currently amended): A electronic commerce system as recited in
14 claim 22, wherein the second component creates a new trading partner record and
15 automatically populates the new trading partner record with the configuration
16 details.

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18 Claim 27 (Currently amended): A software architecture for an electronic
19 commerce system having new trading partners that exchange data over a network,
20 comprising:

21 first program code stored on a computer-readable medium at a first new
22 trading partner, the first program code having computer-executable instructions
23 that, when executed by one or more processors, collect configuration details
24 associated with the first new trading partner and publish the configuration details
25 to a Web site; and

1 second program code stored on a computer-readable medium at a second
2 new trading partner, the second program code having computer-executable
3 instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, retrieve the
4 configuration details from the Web site and automatically configure a new trading
5 relationship with the second new trading partner using the configuration details.

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7 Claim 28 (Currently amended): In an electronic commerce trading system
8 involving exchanges of commerce information over a network, a computer-
9 readable medium at a computer system participating in the commerce trading
10 system storing computer-executable instructions for:

11 collecting configuration details associated with a new trading partner that
12 participates in electronic commerce; and
13 publishing the configuration details to a Web site.

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15 Claim 29 (Currently amended): In an electronic commerce trading system
16 involving exchanges of commerce information over a network, a computer-
17 readable medium at a computer system participating in the commerce trading
18 system storing computer-executable instructions for:

19 creating a new trading partner record for a new potential trading partner that
20 participates in electronic commerce;

21 retrieving configuration details associated with the new potential trading
22 partner from a Web site; and

23 populating the new trading partner record with the configuration details
24 retrieved from the Web site.

1 Claim 30 (Currently amended): A method for establishing a new trading
2 relationship between new trading partners involved in electronic commerce, the
3 method comprising:

4 retrieving configuration details associated with a first new potential trading
5 partner from a remote site by a second potential trading partner;

6 retrieving configuration details associated with the second new potential
7 trading partner from a remote site by the first potential trading partner; and

8 automatically configuring a new trading relationship with the first and the
9 second new potential trading partners using the configuration details.

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11 Claim 31 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 30, wherein
12 the retrieving comprises addressing a URL (universal resource locator) to access
13 the configuration details of the first and the second trading partners.

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15 Claim 32 (Currently amended): A method as recited in claim 30, wherein
16 the automatically configuring comprises:

17 creating a new trading partner record; and

18 automatically populating the new trading partner record with the
19 configuration details.

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21 Claim 33 (Currently amended): A method for establishing a new trading
22 relationship between first and second new trading partners involved in electronic
23 commerce, the method comprising:

24 collecting first and second configuration details associated with the first and
25 the second new trading partners, respectively;

1 publishing the first and second configuration details to at least one Web
2 site;

3 creating, at the second new trading partner, a new trading partner record for
4 the first new trading partner;

5 creating, at the first new trading partner, a new trading partner record for
6 the second new trading partner;

7 retrieving the configuration details associated with the first new trading
8 partner from the Web site;

9 retrieving the configuration details associated with the second new trading
10 partner from the Web site;

11 populating the new trading partner record of the second new trading partner
12 with the configuration details associated with the first new trading partner; and

13 populating the new trading partner record of the first new trading partner
14 with the configuration details associated with the second new trading partner.

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16 Claim 34 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 33, wherein
17 the collecting comprises presenting a graphical user interface to enable a user to
18 enter the configuration details.

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20 Claim 35 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 33, wherein
21 the publishing comprises publishing the configuration details in XML format.

1 Claim 36 (Currently amended): A method as recited in claim 33, wherein
2 the publishing comprises publishing the first configuration details at a first Web
3 site associated with the first new trading partner and the second configuration
4 details at a second Web site associated with the second new trading partner.

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6 Claim 37 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 33, wherein
7 the publishing comprises posting the configuration details to a URL (universal
8 resource locator) at the Web site.

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10 C Claim 38 (Previously presented): A method as recited in claim 37, wherein
11 the retrieving comprises addressing the URL to access the configuration details
12 posted to the Web site.

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14 Claim 39 (Currently amended): A system comprising:
15 a first computer system at a first new trading partner;
16 a second computer system at a second new trading partner;
17 the first computer system collecting first configuration details associated
18 with the first new trading partner and publishing the configuration details to a first
19 Web site;
20 the second computer system collecting second configuration details
21 associated with the second new trading partner and publishing the configuration
22 details to a second Web site;
23 the first computer system retrieving the second configuration details from
24 the second Web site and automatically configuring for a new trading relationship
25 with the first new trading partner using the second configuration details; and

1 the second computer system retrieving the first configuration details from
2 the first Web site and automatically configuring for a new trading relationship with
3 the first new trading partner using the first configuration details.

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